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Assessment Progress Introduction

On-time property tax billing is a culmination of a year's worth of work of locally elected officials. The process can be separated into two stages: Assessment-to-Budget and Budget-to-Tax billing. Because these two stages are closely tied, delays in any of the steps in these two stages can have an affect on the timing of property tax bills.

The first step in on-time billing is timely completion of the assessment process, also known as trending, a function of the office of the county assessor. Once the county assessor has completed trending, a report called a "ratio study" is submitted to the state for review and approval. Once the ratio study is approved, the assessor submits the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who then applies deductions and exemptions to determine the final net assessed values of properties. This information is then used to determine tax rates, which translate in tax bills for property tax payers.

The following five reports contain information provided by the county to show their progress in completing the 2007-pay-2008 assessment process.

The first two separate reports are of the Real Property and Personal Property status in a particular county. They show detailed synopsis of progress made, problems or delays encountered, and goals set by the county assessor. Information provided in these reports has been taken from correspondence and conversations with county officials.

The third report is of the status for the county's seven "Data Submissions." While some datasets show a significant "Number of Days Late," there are many factors which cause delays in submission of data that are outside a county official's control. These factors include but are not limited to: prior administration's delays, computer program glitches/problems, delays in receiving required information from other locally elected officials, vendor delays and legislative changes.

The last two reports are charts showing the progress of the county as updated by the county assessor. These visual aids illustrate the timeline of the "year in the life of a county assessor" and show where the county assessor falls in their steps toward on-time tax billing. The summary version shows only the key steps required for completion before their values are submitted to the county auditor. The detailed version shows each of the specific steps and the very detailed processes involved in arriving at a county's final gross assessed values.

Because each report is very technical in nature, please feel free to visit our website at www.in.gov/dlgf/2339.htm for a glossary of terms used.

Warrick County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

| ABSTRACT Office - Auditor | 2007 | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Date Data Due | 3/15 of the Pay Year | |
| Date Loaded | | |
| Number of Days Late | 48 | |
| Compliance Status | | |
| BUDGETORDER | | |
| Office - Auditor | 2007 | |
| Date Data Due | 2/15 of the Pay Year | |
| Date Loaded | | |
| Number of Days Late | 77 | |
| Compliance Status | | |
| PARCEL | | |
| Office - Assessor | 2007 | |
| Date Data Due | 10/1 of the Assessment Year | |
| Date Loaded | 3/11/2008 | |
| Number of Days Late | 163 | |
| Compliance Status | Pending | |
| PERSPROP | | |
| Office - Assessor | 2007 | |
| Date Data Due | 10/1 of the Assessment Year | |
| Date Loaded | 1/31/2008 | _ |
| Number of Days Late | 123 | |
| Compliance Status | Pending | |
| RATIOSTUDY | | |
| Office - Assessor | 2007 | |
| Date Data Due | 6/1 of the Assessment Year | |
| Date Loaded | 10/17/2007 | |
| Number of Days Late | 138 | |
| Compliance Status | Approved | |

Note: Number of Days Late refers to the most recent submission with Compliance Status noted. Note to County Official: If you disagree with these dates, please submit a written explanation with supporting documentation to data@dlgf.in.gov.

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Warrick County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

| SALEDISC Office - Assessor | 2007 | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Date Data Due | 3/1 of the Pay Year | |
| Date Loaded | 3/4/2008 | |
| Number of Days Late | 4 | |
| Compliance Status | r-nr | |
| TAXDATA Office - Auditor | 2007 | |
| Date Data Due | 3/1 of the Pay Year | |
| Date Loaded | | |
| Number of Days Late | 62 | |
| Compliance Status | No data | |

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Warrick County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Personal Property

Compliance Status: Pending

County Official Responsible: Angela Wilder

Date Took Office: 1/1/2007

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level II

Estimated Date for Completion:

10/7/07

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

completed & submitted 10/7/07

Roll to Auditor?

completed

Date for 2008 Mobile Home Valuation:

Current Vendor: Appraisal Research

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines? yes

<u>Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly?</u> monthly

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline? yes

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009? no

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:

Vacant Township positions that were not filled by the Party.

How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

County has taken over duties in 4 townships.

Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

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Warrick County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property Compliance Status: Pending

County Official Responsible: Angela Wilder

Date Took Office: 1/1/2007

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level II

Workplan Submitted:

Workplan Detail Requested by DLGF:

Workplan Detail Submitted:

2007 Pay 2008 Ratio Study Received: 10/17/2007

Workbook Values: Received

Ratio Study Approved: 2/6/2008

Estimated Date for Completion:

7p8 ratio study- 10/17/07

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

completed

Roll to Auditor?

upon approval of ratio study; hopefully Feb 2008

Date for Splits and Combinations Entered? 3/1/2007

2007 Pay 2008 New Construction Entered? July 2007

Date for completed 2007 Sales Disclosures entered? August 2007

Date for Neighborhood Analysis? August-October 2007

Date for Sales Analysis? August-October 2007

Date for Land Valuation? August-October 2007

Date for Improvement Valuation - Cost Approach: August-October 2007

<u>Date for Improvement Valuation - Income Approach:</u> August-October 2007

<u>Date for Improvement Valuation - Sales Approach:</u> August-October 2007

Current Vendor: CLT Tyler Technologies

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines? yes

<u>Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly?</u> Monthly

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline? yes

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009? in process

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor: CLT Tyler Technologies

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Warrick County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property Compliance Status: Pending

Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:

Townships were slow in getting new construction & sales verification.

How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

County has taken over 4 townships due to resignations; are tightening up on deadlines and processes; are trying to oversee the Township Assessor actions more in order to stay on schedule.

Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

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